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1. SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST. MAJOR DAILIES CARRY BRIEF
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR MIDDLE EAST. ANNOUNCE-
MENT SAYS SIMPLY HE WILL VISIT ISRAEL, EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN, AND
SAUDI ARABIA.

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2. MEPC. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY TASS REPORT ON EGYPTIAN

GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM CALLING ON THE U.S., USSR AND UN TO
ISSUE AN INVITATION TO THE PLO FOR GENEVA. SEPARATE TASS ITEM
REPORTS UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN VIENNA AS URGING THE
RECONVENING OF GENEVA "BEFORE APRIL." ARTICLE SAYS UNSYG
CHARACTERIZED THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AS "SERIOUS."

3. PERSIAN GULF. RED STAR KEEPS UP ISSUE ON U.S. MILITARY
INTERVENTION IN PERSIAN GULF BY PUBLISHING A PICTURE OF U.S.
TROOPS TRAINING UNDER DESERT CONDITIONS.

4. IRAN-IRAQ. MAJOR DAILIES CARRY BAGHDAD AND TEHERAN ITEMS
SUMMARIZING IRAQI AND IRANIAN STATEMENTS ON THE RECENT BORDER
INCIDENTS. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THAT GROMYKO SAW IRAQI AMBASSADOR
FEBRUARY 10.

5. U.S.-SOVIET. PRAVA AND RED STAR CARRY AGREED ANNOUNCEMENT ON
THE RESUMPTION IN MOSCOW OF THE PNE TALKS. PRAVDA REPORTS U.S.
AND SOVIET SALT NEGOTIATORS HAVE MET AGAIN IN GENEVA.

6. U.S. DOMESTIC. IZVESTIYA COMMENT BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
KONDRASHOV COMMENTS ON THE JACKSON CANDIDACY. ARTICLE ENTITLED
"JACKSON MANEUVERS" SAYS IT IS DIFFICULT NOW TO ASSESS JACKSON'S
CHANCES. KONDRASHOV CLAIMS JACKSON'S CAMPAIGN IS WELL FUNDED BY
THE "ZIONIST AND PRO-ISRAELI" LOBBY BUT MAINTAINS THAT IN PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS DIFFICULT TO RIDE THAT ANTI-DETENTE HORSE.
JACKSON, KONDRASHOV SAYS, WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE LIBERAL WING
OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WITHOUT WHOSE SUPPORT HIS CHANCES ARE NOT
BRIGHT. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE CONCLUDES JACKSON IS NOW TRYING TO
CHANGE HIS IMAGE AS A "KNIGHT OF THE COLD WAR" BUT "NOBODY BELIEVES
HIM". IN KEEPING WITH SLIGHTLY LESS TENDENTIOUS COVERAGE OF THE
U.S. OVER THE LAST WEEK, IZVESTIYA CARRIES THREE NEUTRAL PHOTOS
OF U.S. SCENES ON ITS INTERNATIONAL PAGE.

7. VIET NAM. RED STAR REPORTS ARRIVAL OF GROUP OF U.S. MILITARY
PERSONNEL IN SAIGON AND PRESS CARRIES WITHOUT COMMENT THE DRV
STATEMENT PROTESTING THIS ALLEGED U.S. VIOLATION OF THE PARIS
AGREEMENT. PRAVDA CARRIES A BRIEF ITEM ON U.S. UNHAPPINESS OVER
AUSTRALIA'S DECISION TO ALLOW THE OPENING OF A PRG INFORMATION
OFFICE.

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8. ANNIVERSARY OF YALTA. IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA IN SIGNED COMMEN-
TARIES ON THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YALT CONFERENCE CALL
THE CONFERENCE THE CULMINATING POINT OF WAR-TIME COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE ALLIES WHICH REFLECTED POSSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS
INHERENT IN COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES OF THE TWO SOCIAL SYSTEMS.
THE IZVESTIYA ARTICLE MUTES SOMEWHAT ITS REFERENCE TO THE
TRADITIONAL CHARGE THAT THE CAPITALIST STATES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR
UNLEASHING HITLER AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, AND THE PRAVA ARTICLE

OMITS ALL SUCH CRITICISM. BOTH, HOWEVER, ARE FIRM IN PLACING ALL
BLAME FOR THE INTERVENING COLD WAR, "WHICH IS NOW RETREATING INTO
THE PAST" (PRAVDA), ON THE WEST. PRAVDA NAMES THE THREE LEADERS
(INCLUDING STALIN) WHO ATTENDED YALTA; IZVESTIYA NAMES ONLY
CHURCHILL AND ROOSEVELT.
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